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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Handfield, et al.

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For: Identification of *Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans* antigens for use in the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of periodontal disease

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A check for forty-two dollars (\$42) for an additional independent claim is enclosed. It is believed that no further fee is due to make this filing complete; however, if a fee or credit is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Please enter the following amendment before substantive examination of the applicaiton:

IN THE CLAIMS:

28. (New) A method of detecting presence of an *A. actinomycetemcomitans* antibody in a test sample comprising:

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on July 2, 2002.

Date: July 2, 2002

Lisa M.W. Hillman